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Subject: Transmittal of Tennessee Department of Health's Claxton Park and Playground Health

Consultation

Mr. Josh Anderson, Commission Chairman, and Ms. Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor,

The State of Tennessee Department of Health was asked to respond to Anderson County Resolution No. 21-08-885 asking to test soils on Claxton Park property leased from TVA. Our Environmental Epidemiology Program works to keep people safe from harmful chemicals and to help them live in wholesome environments that promote healthy lifestyles. We respond to questions about the human health impacts of environmental pollution.

As you may be aware, 16 soil samples were collected from around the Claxton Community Playground on December 1, 2021. The soil samples were tested for percent coal ash, metals, metalloids, radionuclides, and general chemistry parameters. The attached Health Consultation documents our thorough review of the analytical test results which are also included in an accompanying appendix. The document will be available from our list of publications to view or download from our website: https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/environmental/.

We concluded there is no risk to children playing at the playground. We do recommend the park follow a maintenance plan to ensure there always good grass, soil, or mulch cover over the ground. If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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